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## HISTORICAL PRESERVATION

Nationally, the week of September 28 to October 4, 1964, is declared as American Landmarks Week. Because of some unfortunate misunderstandings, Utah has not had an action committee named as yet. But steps are being taken to correct this oversight.

The goal to be achieved by the Landmarks Week is "to develop and improve technical and legal measures for the protection, preservation and restoration of cultural property, and for safeguarding the beauty and character of the landscape."

Much has already been done in Utah to meet these goals, but much more remains to be accomplished. Above all an interest, an awareness of the value of historic buildings and sites to present-day living must be created. We must teach the concept that present and future generations can and should learn from studying ideas, objects, and sites associated with the past.

Utah can point with pride to the preservation of the old capitol at Fillmore; the Brigham Young home at St. George; the Jacob Hamblin home at Santa Clara; the Stage Coach Inn at Fairfield; the old Salt Lake City Hall, the Beehive House, the Lion House, the Salt Lake Tabernacle, the Chase mill and home at Salt Lake City; and the various old stakehouses throughout the state.

The Utah State Park and Recreation Commission is responsible for much of this preservation as is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. For their efforts they have been given recognition — with the Utah State Historical Society in 1963 presenting to Harold P. Fabian, chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, an Honorary Life Membership in the Society for his work in historic preservation. The Society nominated and was successful in 1962 in gaining the American Association for State and Local History "Award of Merit" for the L.D.S. Church's restoration of the Bee-

hive House. The Daughters of Utah Pioneers have also been given recognition for their role in preserving monuments of our past. Besides the benefits from the efforts of local groups, Utah has been rewarded with the U.S. National Park Service administering several areas of extremely significant scenic value. The latest of these is the Canyonlands National Park, just this month created by act of Congress.

Worthy of notice in this *Newsletter* are the efforts of the Society to preserve some of Utah's significant buildings. The new interstate highway through Echo Canyon threatened to destroy the old Echo Grist Mill. Since there is no other possible route for the highway except where the mill stands, the Society was unable to have the mill preserved as is. But working through the Utah State Park and Recreation Commission and the Utah State University Museum, Man and His Bread, the Society was able to save the machinery, much of the hardware, and even some of the old wood spouts and timbers. These will be on display when U.S.U. finally attains its goal of a museum depicting man's struggle to produce bread.

Still in a questionable state is the old Wasatch Stakehouse — a beautiful, old, red sandstone structure dating from 1887. Easily Heber Valley's most prominent structure and probably its most significant



*Wasatch Stakehouse, Heber Valley, the disposition of which is in question.*

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one as well, the structure was threatened with destruction on August 5. A group of aroused women of Heber City called upon the Society for help. The Board of Trustees of the Society adopted a motion to work for the building's preservation. Enlisting the support of other organizations — Utahns Incorporated, Utah Tourist and Publicity Council, Utah State Park and Recreation Commission — the women's group gained a month's stay of the demolition order. Heber City officials, Wasatch County officials, and all citizens of the county were appealed to in order to save the old building. Its fate hangs in the balance.

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Four excellent papers were read to an overflow audience. The discussions and comments were lively and thought provoking. The general consensus of those present was "Excellent, the program must be continued next year." And so plans are already being formed to examine the second decade of twentieth century Utah for the 1965 annual meeting. Volunteer papers will be considered now.

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All in all, it was an interesting experience, with Mrs. Johnson proving to be a most charming guest and an interested audience. It was a real pleasure to meet and talk with our First Lady, Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson.

A few days after the tour, the director received the following gracious letter from the White House.

The White House  
Washington

August 19, 1964

Dear Mr. Cooley

The two lovely books on Utah; *Ranges, Ranchers & Rawhide* and *The Valley of the Great Salt Lake* already have a special place in our library. I shall long remember my visit to Utah and especially the bus trip with the personalized talk you provided which was most informative.

The President joins me in sending you our very best wishes.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Lady Bird Johnson  
Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson

#### UTAH STATE HIGHWAY MARKERS

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#### WINTER HOURS

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Saturday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

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## MEET THE STAFF

Those who frequent the Society Mansion soon become aware of the very hard-working and efficient housekeeper, Margarete Hrubes. Margarete is a native of Vienna and brings from the Old World the pride of doing a thorough job. Visitors by the score comment upon the fine job she does in keeping a very large and ornate building in excellent condition.

All the staff learned to value Margarete's good work when she was forced to leave us for a month. She recently underwent surgery that took her away from the job she does so well. We all welcome her back and wish her good health. Until someone new tried to do her job, we did not know how valuable Margarete Hrubes was to the operation of the Society. Welcome back, Margarete.

A new member of the staff is Miss Louisa Park, who has taken the position of secretary to the director. Louisa was born and reared in Glasgow, Scotland. She joined the Mormon Church and immigrated to Utah in 1963. She obtained her education (primarily languages and business) in Hellensburgh, Scotland, graduating in 1960. Her family still resides in Scotland. The staff welcomes Louisa to its ranks.

The most recent addition to the Archives staff is Millard E. (Ted) Wilde, who started work on September 16 as assistant to State Archivist T. Harold Jacobsen. Mr. Wilde graduated in journalism from Brigham Young University in 1961. While at B.Y.U. he worked on the staff of the *Daily Universe* and for a short time edited that publication. He also served as student chapter president of Sigma Delta Chi, the professional journalism society. After leaving school Mr. Wilde and his family moved to Tooele where he spent 11 months editing the weekly newspapers *Transcript* and *Bulletin*. Since then, he has worked at running a bookstore and in food management. We are certain Mr. Wilde will prove to be an asset to the staff.

Mr. Wilde replaces Mrs. June Stewart, who was with the Archives for just one year and decided that the pay of a 14-year veteran in school teaching was much more attractive than that of an archivist. So, while she enjoyed the work and the Society, June returned to school teaching. It is that profession's gain — our loss. For June was a willing, alert, attentive, and amiable public servant. We miss her at the Society but wish her well in her new assignment.

Another member of the Archives staff has drawn attention to himself. Bruce Phillips in the Records Center, has recently returned from a 5,000 mile tour of 20 southern and western states. Mr. Phillips and two other members of a popular Utah string band, the Utah Valley Boys, spent the largest portion of their time at the Thirty-Seventh Annual Mountain Dance and Folk Music Festival in Ashville, North Carolina. While there, Mr. Phillips sang several songs of his own composition, which were especially well-received. Mr. Phillips feels his trip helped him to better understand the immense breadth and depth of southern mountain folk music upon which all other regional folk musics are based. He feels that this knowledge will help him to participate more

fully in the collection and compilation of our own Utah folk music.

Like the Archives, the library has lost a staff member. Tracy Monson, university student who has worked part-time in the library for three years, has been called by his church to serve as a missionary in England. We will miss him, for he has been one of the most congenial and willing workers the library has had. We wish him well, and hope he returns to us when he returns to Utah. His brother, Kirk, will take his place.

Still another employee whose services will be sorely missed are those of Mary Ann McDonald. For the past two summers, Mary Ann has been employed on various projects at the Society. Her most recent assignment has been proof reading and indexing the Hosea Stout diaries. Her contributions to the Society have been noteworthy. We wish her well in her school work at Utah State University where she is studying to become a medical technician.

## LIBRARY

The library constantly receives requests from both teachers and students for photographs of Utah's governors. Because of these requests, a limited number of sets (containing pictures of Utah's governors from Brigham Young to George D. Clyde) have been made up in eight by ten glossy prints, which would be excellent for display in the classroom. Plans are also being made to eventually provide a program of illustrative material for Utah history classrooms. Details concerning the availability of these materials and the cost can be obtained from the library.

## IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Charles Bitter, Utah  
Mr. Arthur F. Bruhn, Utah  
Dr. Rufus Wood Leigh, Utah  
Mr. Thomas N. Rees, Utah  
Dr. and Mrs. Angus M. Woodbury, Utah

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## MEMBERSHIP

Have you ever considered giving membership in the Utah State Historical Society to someone as a gift? We have discovered this is a common practice among our members, and membership has been given as a birthday gift, Christmas gift, Father's Day gift, etc. Those members who have been recipients of such gifts have told us how much they enjoy the *Utah Historical Quarterly* and the other advantages membership in the Society provides. Next time you need a gift for someone, give them a year's membership in the Society.

The Society welcomes the following individuals and institutions to membership in the Society.

### LIFE MEMBERS

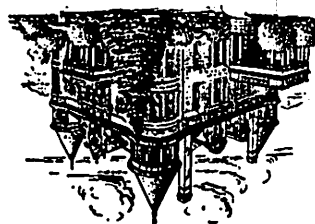
McDonald, Mary Ann ..... Salt Lake

### NEW MEMBERS

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 Colton, Sterling D. .... Salt Lake  
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 Plotnick, Roy ..... Salt Lake  
 Powell, Eddie E. .... Salt Lake  
 Ream, John N. .... Logan  
 Richards, Clara ..... Farmington  
 Robholz, John G. .... Salt Lake  
*Rocky Mountain Review* ..... Salt Lake  
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 Rossi, Mrs. Frank ..... Salt Lake  
 Schultz, Rupert ..... Sandy  
 Shepherd, Annis ..... Mesa, Arizona  
 Shipps, Jan ..... Boulder, Colorado  
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 United States Air Force Academy ..... Colorado Springs, Colorado  
 Wall, Norma ..... Salt Lake  
 Wasden, Glen ..... Salt Lake  
 Weeks, Jennie N. .... Salt Lake  
 Wells, Ana Mary ..... New Brunswick, New Jersey  
 West, Einar ..... Salt Lake  
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 Wilcox, Cordell ..... Salt Lake  
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